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Library Board selects DNR lakeside property for site of new library

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

If tri-community taxpayers vote for funding next year, a new, two-story district library complex will be built on the DNR property on the lake, just north of the Belleville Bridge in Van Buren Township.

And, fishermen on the lake will be an important part of the complex.

On Tuesday, after two hours of discussion, the Belleville Area District Library Board voted 6-1 to choose the Department of Natural Resources lakeside site as the place it wants to build a new library.

There were 26 people in the audience.

Treasurer Elaine Gutierrez cast the only no vote. She said as a real estate broker, she has her doubts because there are so many players: the DNR, the Spencers (who own the home next door that also will be purchased), the Wayne County Road Commission, and VBT.

She said if any one of these doesn't follow through, it's over. Gutierrez said she thinks the board needs a second plan. She also hates to leave the city. For example, the Harvest Fest would be up because "we're not walking over the bridge for that."

The Harvest Fest, set for this weekend in Belleville, is a cooperative effort between the museum and the library.

Gutierrez said she wants to see a new library within this decade and the board has been working on a site for three years and it needs to pass a bond issue, which will then take a year or two to get started.

"It's going to take a long time," she said, noting the architectural costs for the main library and the satellite library in Sumpter will be "another excessive cost."

She said she would like a backup plan in case this goes to pot.

After her vote against the DNR site, she said her vote was for everyone who wants to stay in town.

Library Board Secretary Joy Cichewicz, chairman of the Building Committee, said

she doesn't know any library in the state that will be on such a spectacular site.

After her vote for the DNR site, Cichewicz said she's happy the board made the decision.

One of the reasons for the decision, she said, was that the board has not been given one single action from the city that said they wanted the library to stay, until they sent over the appraisal for the library property and the city parking lot.

"We're elected to make the decisions," said Board Member Michael Boelter. "You don't have to cross the Mackinac Bridge to get there," he said of the DNR site.

The board also voted unanimously to put the satellite library site in the Sumpter Community Center in the 2,000 square feet of area recently vacated by Head Start.

Also, the board voted to notify all the people with whom they had property options that they are not going to accept the options, so they can sell to others.

"We've really just arrived at the beginning," said architect Dan Whisler at the end of Tuesday's meeting. "Now we've got a lot of work to do."

Whisler has to come up with more complete plans for the building and give a figure for construction based on the site. Then, the size of the bond issue and the millage needed to support it will be decided and a campaign started to persuade voters to pay for it.

He said if they hit an insurmountable roadblock, the board will step back and decide what it wants to do.

Whisler said four or five months down the road if they have to find another site, the easiest one to go back and revisit is the second-favorite Grace Baptist Church site in the city, also on Belleville Lake.

That site has been for sale for 13 years, he noted, adding it would be easier than going back to the multiple other options in the

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Photo courtesy VB Public Schools

The Van Buren Township Fire Department visited the Early Childhood Development Center at Haggerty School on Monday for a safety lesson. Here, Lt. Ryan McCormick shares safety tips with the students. The children especially enjoyed seeing teacher Holly Ulrich dressed in fire gear. Sitting in the truck, touching the helmet and seeing the gear up close topped the children's list of favorite moments. "It is important for preschoolers to become familiar with fire gear and equipment," said Building Coordinator Becky Ross. "In the event of an emergency, children need to know that the fire fighters are there to help."

Independent wins two awards in statewide newspaper contest

The Michigan Press Association announced, in time for this week's celebration of National Newspaper Week, that the *Belleville-Area Independent* has earned two awards among all entrants in its category statewide.

The *Independent* won third place in News Enterprise Reporting for the "Court Watching" series written by Diane Madigan and Rosemary K. Otzman.

Otzman also won an honorable mention for her "Extra Things I Know" column in the Local Columnist category.

Three examples of the "Court Watching" series were entered in the contest by the *Independent* with this explanation:

"We've had a lot of police stories where people were arrested, but then it was impossible to get the ends of those stories. Some were let free; some were sentenced to many years in prison."

"The local police didn't know the ends of

the stories because the county prosecutor's office was too busy to let them know. Often, the court sessions went on and on until the case was finalized. We started following the cases at district court and then to circuit court in Detroit, which was a big project."

"We ultimately named our series 'Court Watching' and were able to get a local writer to help follow the cases. It's been a very popular series and police, especially, are very interested to know how their stories end."

The judge noted on the Extra Things I Know column: "I loved the snapshots of community events, people, and decisions. The writer is clearly tuned into her local community."

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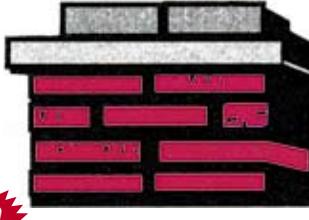
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SECOND FRONT PAGE

‘Witch Fest’ to bring 80 women dressed as witches to Egan’s Pub

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Saturday, after Harvest Fest is over in downtown Belleville, 80 women dressed as witches will begin arriving for the second-annual “Witch Fest” that begins on the Fourth Street Square.

At Monday’s meeting, the Belleville City Council approved a last-minute request by Egan’s Pub to host the private event, as long as it gets the temporary special-use outside serving license it expects from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

The private event involves four women each inviting 20 other women, ending up with 80, to go on a private bus excursion of unknown destination.

Jennifer Winter of Egan’s said last year the witches didn’t even all get off the bus at 12 Oaks Mall before they created a sensation.

Egan’s said they will put up a barricade of hay bales to block off the area from the general public, which will blend in with the Harvest Fest décor of the city. They will use temporary gating from the pub’s entrance to the hay bales in the Fourth Street Square.

Egan’s staff will be outside to make sure all alcohol and food stay inside the designated area.

All the witches will be of legal drinking age and there will be no minors present. The event starts at 5:30 p.m., when alcohol and food will be served, and ends as 6:30 p.m., when the witches board their private bus to start their excursion.

The area will then be dismantled and returned to its original state.

Councilwoman Kim Tindall said she wanted to talk to them after the meeting to find out how she could get invited.

In other business at Monday’s meeting, the council:

- Held the first reading of a zoning ordinance amendment that would add restaurants to the principal permitted uses in the B-1 district. City Manager Diane Kollmeyer said the planning commission held a public hearing on the change and recommended approval by the council;

- Approved fireworks for the Winter Fest on Dec. 7. At about 7 p.m., after the Winter Fest parade, Colonial Fireworks will shoot off from the Denton Road bridge 192 three-inch aerial display shells, 84 four-inch display shells, and six multiple shot, barrage-type items. Belleville and Van Buren Township fire fighters will stand by

at the site;

- Approved the Jingle Bell Run for Winter Fest, this year benefitting the Van Buren Public Schools Education Foundation. The run will begin at 9:45 a.m., Dec. 7, at the Horizon Park Gazebo and proceed along High Street, north along Main Street, and onto Denton Road and then back;

- Deferred action on the Winter Fest Parade, “A Hawaiian Christmas,” until Randy Brown from the Chamber of Commerce could fill out a formal request with details on street closing requests. The request is expected to be on the city council’s Oct. 21 agenda;

- Approved free hayrides at The Lunch Box from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. after trick or treating in downtown Belleville on Halloween, Oct. 31. The hayride will board at The Lunch Box and the tractor will pull the wagon down North Liberty Street to First Street and then back up Main Street to The Lunch Box. The council agreed to take parking off the side of Liberty Street opposite the lake to make way for the event. The wagon and driver are from the Wayne County Fairgrounds. Safety issues were discussed;

- Approved the second change order for Insituform Technologies USA for the Cured-in-Place Pipe Program that increases the total price by \$4,018. Now at \$158,718.80, the total price still is below the budgeted \$175,000, said Keith Boc, DPW Director;

- Approved accounts payable of \$335,127.63 and the following departmental purchases over \$500: to Hennessey Engineers, \$1,961 for site plan review, from Trust/Escrow, and \$35,509 for the S-2 Grant Administration from the Water Dept. budget; to Hydrodesign, \$5,405 for inspections, from the Water Dept.; and to Insituform, \$18,699.32 for sewer lining, from the Water Dept.;

- Heard Councilman Tindall comment that she was glad to see the police reserves got paid -- in October for their Strawberry Fest work in June. Thirteen reserves were on the list with payments from \$102 to \$600 each. Tom Fielder, president of the Strawberry Festival, said the festival settled that up in July. City Manager Kollmeyer explained the delay was “due to a miscommunication between the police chief and myself”; and

- Heard Kollmeyer announce that 18 decorated scarecrows had been put up along Main Street earlier that day.



Independent photo by Rosemary K. Oztman

Three new paid-per-call fire fighters were introduced to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees by Fire Chief Joe Januszyk, in back at right, at the board’s regular meeting on Sept. 10. From left are Dan Frost, James Talbert, and Robert Damico.

Bankruptcy Court Trustee hires CPA to track White’s funds

By Rosemary K. Oztman
Independent Editor

On Oct. 4, Bankruptcy Court Judge Thomas J. Tucker signed an order approving the ex-parte request of Chapter 7 Trustee Wendy Turner Lewis to employ an accountant to help her process the filing by Thomas A. White.

White, of Belleville, filed Chapter 7 Bankruptcy on July 19, a few days after being disbarred as an attorney. He had served as an attorney in Belleville for 20 years at 35 Main Street, across from City Hall.

Lewis’ attorney Tracy M. Clark from Steinberg Shapiro & Clark filed the application for the services of an accountant to, among other things, consult with the trustee and her counsel on financial matters, “analyze the Debtor’s books and records, trace funds, value the Debtor’s membership and interest in an LLC, and prepare tax returns.”

Judge Tucker gave Lewis the approval to hire Chapski & Chapski, CPAs, LLP to serve as accountant for the trustee in this case. The hourly fees for Chapski & Chapski, of Canton, range between \$50 to \$150.

In his Declaration of Disinterestedness, Steven R. Chapski states, “I have been advised that the Debtor has numerous creditors and, accordingly, the firm may

have rendered services or had business associations with such creditors or their counsel in the ordinary course of the firm’s business, but none of these services have been in connection with, nor impact, this proceeding.”

Assets recovered

Trustee Lewis filed a notice on Sept. 30 that assets have been recovered by the trustee and those wishing to file as claimants need to file by Dec. 26.

Besides bankruptcy proceedings, White faces five criminal charges for allegedly defrauding the late Leland Jordan and his wife Judith A. Jordan of Belleville. According to the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office, more criminal charges against White are coming.

White is scheduled for a 9 a.m. preliminary exam on Oct. 16 at 34th District Court on the five original charges, and maybe more.

New creditors added

On Tuesday, Oct. 10, White’s bankruptcy attorney added seven new creditors to his list, now totaling 23. The total new claims add up to \$360,750.

Additions were listed as “business debts”: Alyssa Renier (\$100,000), Karen Forester (\$43,000), Dan Fischer (\$35,000), Paypal (\$3,750), Dwayne Branum (\$19,000), Thomas Sienko (\$100,000), and Judy Jordan (\$60,000).

OPINIONS

Editorial

It's National Newspaper Week

This is National Newspaper Week and newspapers around the country are encouraged to remind readers of how important newspapers are.

This also is the week that the Michigan Press Association releases the winners in this year's annual Better Newspaper Contest.

The Nebraska Press Association judged Michigan's 3,108 entries from 114 newspapers and came up with the winners in the various circulation categories.

The *Independent* was fortunate enough to earn two more certificates to hang on our office walls, although we really are running out of space.

We had thought the Court Watching series was important for our readers and the judges agreed. We also know many people enjoy the Extra Things I Know column, because they tell us it's the first thing they read each week.

Those are our two winners this year.

We do wish to tell you that we take great pride in watching your governmental units for you when you can't make the meetings. It's important for you to know what the councils and boards are doing – especially when it will mean more money out of your pockets.

For example: The district library will be seeking a millage in August or November 2014 to build a new library. Also, Van Buren Township will be hitting a wall within a few years that may require additional taxes on the residents to pay off the Visteon bonds. We've all got to watch what's going on. We're happy to help.

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EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

...By Rosemary K. Otzman

At 2:38 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, a man from Monroe County hit a big, black light pole in front of Lonnie's car repair at Five Points.

Belleville Police Chief Gene Taylor said he and Cpl. Todd Schrecengost heard the report of a possible drunk driver coming north on Sumpter Road and stepped out of the police department to get into their cars just in time to see the blue Chevy Blazer at the light at Five Points.

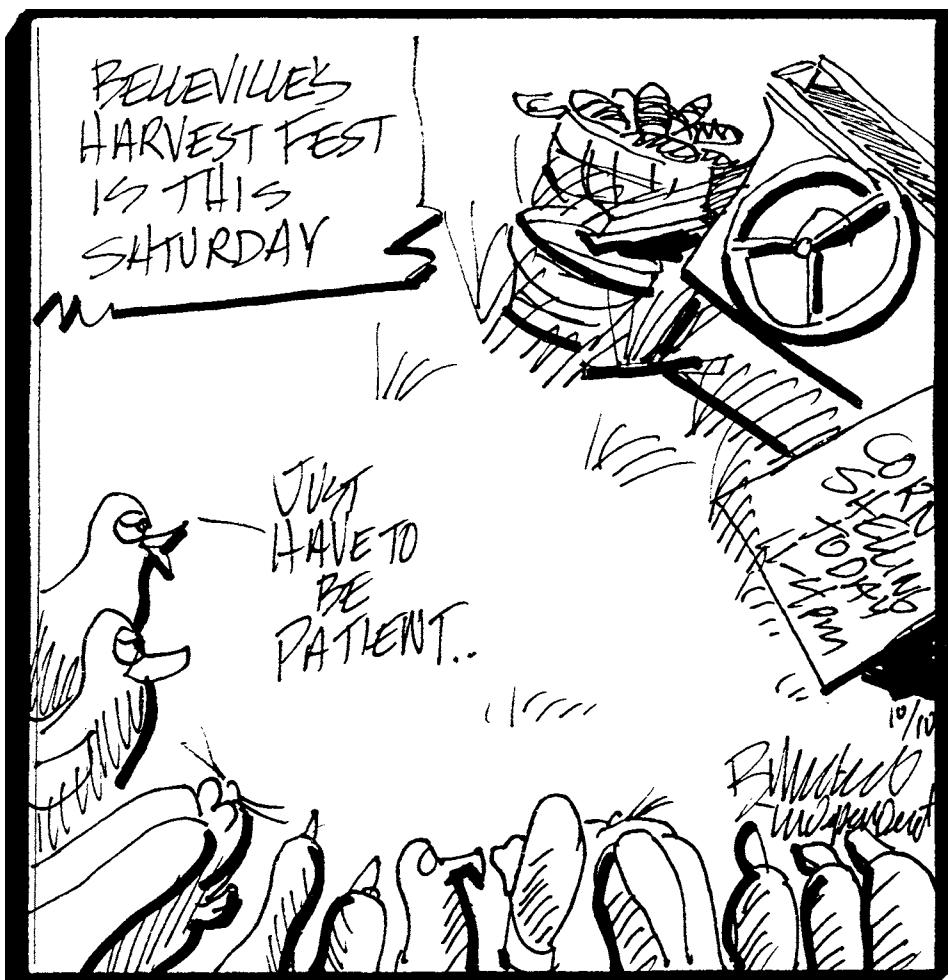
Chief Taylor said he believes the man saw the police across Five Points and wanted to avoid them. When the light changed, he suddenly turned left onto West Columbia Ave., making a left that was entirely too hard. It also was an illegal turn.

Chief Taylor said the man didn't seem injured but he was sent to the hospital for a blood draw, after police got a warrant. And, they wanted his well-being to be checked out, as well.

Chief Taylor said the foundation of the pole is cracked and whether that is from the collision or from age, he isn't sure. That pole supports two heavy traffic signals, which could be a problem.

The man who called in the possible drunk driving report to the police said he was northbound on Sumpter and the Blazer was behind him and it actually bumped into him. He said that scared him so he pulled over to get out of the way. Then he called police and followed the Blazer into town. He said he thought the man might be having a medical problem.

Jim Luke of Belleville has spent 68 years as an usher for the University of Michigan football games and has begun his 69th year. When his son tells him he should stop, Jim



tells him he wants to do something with his time and this is fun.

Jim said people at the games comment at how good it is to see him there again this year. One man said he's been going to U of M games for 40 years and Jim was there when he began.

Jim is grandfather of Sumpter Township Police Captain Eric Luke.

I called VBT Supervisor Linda Combs because there have been a lot of rumors about Karin LaMothe, who resigned as Linda's executive assistant, saying she wasn't really resigned, but was staying.

Linda explained the situation. She said Karin did give her resignation to Linda with an Oct. 25 last day.

Linda said she whined a lot and asked Karin to consider staying until she found someone to take her place.

"I hate to lose her," Linda said, adding, "If I can talk her into staying, you bet I'd do that."

"She did take pity on me and say she'd stay until I found someone new," Linda said on Friday.

Linda said this appointment is not something you would post.

Of course. She needs someone who is knowledgeable and someone she can trust. She'll have to make her personal decision.

I suggested Linda may have to hone her whining skills and she agreed, saying

she remembers asking a former township employee if she could take lessons from him.

I've been told that Holly Ulrich was settling down in her position as tuition preschool teacher at the Haggerty School building recently, when she pulled open a drawer in her desk.

It was an old teacher's desk and she found papers in the drawer with handwriting that she recognized at once. It was her dad's handwriting.

It turns out Holly was assigned a desk that her father, Jim Fitch, had used when he taught at Haggerty for 41 years. Jim retired in 2005.

Holly lives in Milan, but she feels a part of the family at Haggerty.

The Belleville DPW took down the beautiful hanging baskets from Main Street poles on Monday. Keith Boc, DPW Director, told me the flowers will be emptied from the flower pots along Main as soon as possible.

I know summer is over, but the flowers, which were watered every day all summer, were so beautiful!



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To the Editor:

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Thank you to the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees and the township departments that assist us when needed and for their support.

We would also like to take this time to thank Fred and Joanne Dinglie for the donation of PA Sound Equipment which was very much needed.

Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission appreciates the community support and we definitely could not do what we do without that support.

Sincerely,
Sumpter Township Parks & Recreation Commission**Memorial Service set for
Uncle Happy the Clown**

To the Editor:

In Loving Memory: Harry Wagner (aka) Uncle Happy the Clown/Magician went home to be with Jesus on January 10, 2013.

A Memorial Service is scheduled for Oct. 13, at Liberty Gospel Church 105 N. Liberty Street Belleville.

Memorial Service, 1 p.m.; food and fellowship, 2 p.m.; regular evening worship service, 3 p.m. ALL WELCOME.

During this time, we want to Praise the Lord for Harry's life here on this earth and share some thoughts that you would like others to know.

Harry enjoyed doing magic and clowning, wanted to put a smile on every one's face. But his passion was driving the big trucks over the road.

Darlene Wagner
Belleville**BHS sets times for
family/open swim, times
for adults at new pool**

The Belleville High School Pool will have times in October for family/open swim and times for adult swims, announces John Cast, pool manager.

Family/Open Swims are Saturdays Oct. 19 and 26 from noon to 2 p.m. Fee is \$5 per swimmer. No swim diapers and only Coast Guard approved life vests are permitted.

Senior/Retiree/Adult swim times are Tuesdays and Thursdays, Oct. 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 and 31 from 9 to 10 a.m. Fee is \$5 per swimmer. This is not a structured program and it is for adults only, no children.



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VBT Board to discuss reopening Visteon's bankruptcy on Monday

By Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

At Tuesday's meeting of the Van Buren Township Local Development Finance Authority, a unanimous recommendation was made for the VBT Board to instruct legal counsel to file a petition to reopen the Visteon bankruptcy and initiate other legal action by Nov. 30. Supervisor Linda Combs said this item would be discussed at Monday's VBT work/study meeting.

Supervisor Combs also said that it's up to the township board to decide if this request fits with the township's strategy in negotiations with Visteon.

LDFA member Doug Peters said he believes "Time is of the essence". If the bankruptcy is opened soon, Visteon must include this in its annual report.

Combs said, "The best-case scenario is we would get Visteon to the table and they would agree to pay us a sum that we would be able to pay down the debt with. That, with the money coming in from the LDFA (approximately \$504,000 for 2013) would be the best-case scenario. The worse-case would be we would need to get a millage. It may be an option but it's not something we're considering at the present time."

VBT's attorney at Clark Hill sent a letter to Visteon on Sept. 9 which included a report from the PFM Group on financial projections. The report indicated LDFA will likely run out of funds to make payments on Visteon bonds in 2018. The letter also asked Visteon to schedule a meeting with the township within the next 30 days. As of Oct. 8 there had been no response.

PFM is a financial management group that was hired by the LDFA in June 2012 for \$2,573. At that time, PFM developed scenarios in dealing with refinancing the bonds in 2014 and dealing with a potential loss of personal property tax revenue.



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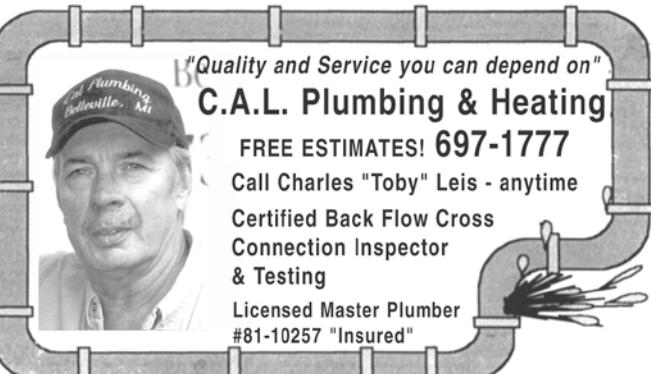
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Obituaries



Ruth Anna Pollard

RUTH ANNA POLLARD, SONG BIRD STILLED

(March 30, 1942 - September 27, 2013)
(December 14, 1930 - October 4, 2013)

Ruth Anna Pollard, age 82, passed away on Friday, October 4, 2013 at her home in Van Buren Township, Michigan. Ruth was born on December 14, 1930 in Evansville, Indiana to Robert and Beulah Jones Buttrum, the youngest of 14 children. She graduated from Mt. Vernon High School, then attended Lockyears Business School.

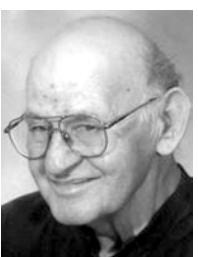
On September 26, 1953 she married James Pollard an Infantry Instructor at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky. When the Korean war ended, she and husband Jim moved to Detroit for 2 years, then Mt. Clemens for 8 years; this was followed by 35 years in Belleville, MI. They moved to Norway, MI in 1992. Ruth and her husband James celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 26, 2013. Music was Ruth's passion in life, Ruth had a very good and strong soprano voice that needed very little amplification. She was active in the music ministry of the Methodist church in each of the communities. Her love for music was further developed in Belleville with training by Mary Ellen Henkel of Ann Arbor. In Norway her talent was demonstrated as soloist, choir director and praise song leader at Grace United Methodist Church. The Pine Mountain Music Festival was a great source of pleasure; she sang in their annual opera chorus for 14 years, then became area director for 3 years. The Dickinson Community Chorus was also a part of her music contribution for 10 years. One of her favorite times was singing for the Liturgical Dance Group of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville for many years. Ruth sang Musical Therapy in many nursing homes for years. She served her community as the Director of Western Wayne County United Fund. She later enjoyed directing The Golden-K Chorus in the Iron Mountain, MI area.

Ruth is the last of her family of 14 children to pass away. She is preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Collette in 1991; and leaves 3 sons, James E. Jr. (Dawn Elizabeth) Pollard of Belleville, MI, Howard (Dawn Lyn) Pollard

of Dearborn, MI and Paul (Pam) Pollard of Belleville, MI, 8 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. Also, many nieces and nephews, mostly in the Evansville, IN area.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial service will be Saturday, October 12, 2013 starting at 9 A.M. with an 11:00 A.M. service at First United Methodist Church 417 Charles Street, Belleville, MI 48111. Pastor Jim Walker will officiate. Luncheon will follow the service with interment of cremains at 3 P.M. at Hillside Cemetery.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Donations may be made to Belleville First United Methodist Church and would be greatly appreciated by the family. Please sign her online guest book and share a memory for her family to cherish at www.davidbrownfh.com.



Leonard Joseph Ostrowski

LEONARD JOSEPH OSTROWSKI

(August 5, 1932 - September 29, 2013)

Leonard Joseph Ostrowski, age 81, lifelong Belleville resident, passed away on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at his home. He was born in Belleville on August 5, 1932, son of Rosemary (Wojciechowski) and the late Joseph Peter Ostrowski.

He was of the Catholic faith, enjoyed sports, especially Tiger baseball, and was a member of the Ypsilanti Moose lodge. He loved tending to his yard and farming.

Leonard is survived by 3 sons, Joe (Linda)

Ostrowski, Michael (Beth) Ostrowski and Terry (Diane) Ostrowski all of Belleville; 10 grandchildren, Jessica Johnson, Josh Knox, Rachel Knox, Sarah Copey, Bradley Allen Ostrowski all of Belleville, Michael Ostrowski of Canton, Alyssa Ostrowski of Romulus, Samantha Bosman of Louisville, KY, Jennifer and Kristina Ostrowski both of Romulus; 6 great-grandchildren, Ryan Lee Ostrowski, Joseph Johnson, Justin Johnson, Johnathan Johnson, Faith Neighbor & Joslyn Schmidt; his 100-year-old mother Rosemary Ostrowski; also 2 brothers Richard Ostrowski of Princeton, KY, and Ronald Ostrowski of Belleville; and 1 sister, Janet Krammer of Newport News, VA. He is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, friends & neighbors.

Preceded in death by his wife, Betty June Ostrowski.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Arrangements by David C. Brown Temporary Viewing & Funeral Chapel. Please sign his online guest book and share a memory for his family to treasure at www.davidbrownfh.com.



Douglas Raymond Manley

DOUGLAS RAYMOND MANLEY

(March 15, 1942 - October 6, 2013)

Mr. Douglas Raymond Manley passed away peacefully Sunday, October 6, 2013 at University of Michigan Hospital, Ann Arbor. He was born March 15, 1942 in Detroit, MI, a son of the late Anthony and Elizabeth (Bielicki) Mankowski.

On July 30, 1983 he was married to Janet M. Wascher in Belleville. Mr. Manley has been a

resident of the Belleville area since 1978. Mr. Manley attended St. Anthony Catholic Church and St. Joseph Catholic Church in Whittaker. He was a fan of harness racing and enjoyed mowing his lawn with his John Deere tractor. Mr. Manley authored the book "Duh". Prior to his retirement in 2007 he had been employed by Stark Hickey Ford as a Controller for many years as well as other auto dealers.

Mr. Manley is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Janet M. Manley; 3 children, Laura (Edward) Kasprzynski, Kevin Manley and Caroline Manley. Grandfather of Mikell, Nicholas and Nicole.

Mr. Manley was preceded in death by his brother Kenneth Manley.

The family will receive friends on Friday, October 11, 2013 from 3-8 P.M. at the Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home, 209 Main St., Belleville (734-697-9400). Final visiting will begin on Saturday, October 12, 2013 from 10 A.M. until the time of the funeral liturgy at 11 A.M. at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 409 W. Columbia, Belleville. Burial of cremated remains will take place at a later date.

In Memory

HARRY WAGNER

(August 20, 1933 - January 10, 2013)
A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday, October 13, for Harry Wagner, age 79, (aka) Uncle Happy the Clown/Magician at Liberty Gospel Church, 105 N. Liberty St., Belleville. Food and fellowship follows.

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Obituaries



Margaret Mary Kotarski

MARGARET MARY KOTARSKI

(September 5, 1949 – October 5, 2013)

Margaret Mary Kotarski, 64, passed away October 5, 2013. She was born September 5, 1949 at Beyer Hospital in Ypsilanti, the daughter of Vincent and Georgetta McRitchie.

Margaret was a beautician. She owned a beauty shop called Marge's Clip and Curl in Detroit. She attended St. Peter Catholic Church, Mt. Clemens. Margaret lived with her parents and siblings in Sumpter Township for several years.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Kenneth Kotarski of Mt. Clemens; a daughter Debbie (Dennis) Cutting; grandchildren Justin, Joshua, and Angel Cutting; sisters Carolyn (Clifford) Hardy of Belleville and Muriel (Edward) Borkowski of Redford; sister-in-law Bonnie McRitchie of Belleville; brother-in-law and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kotarski of South Lyon and children Debbie and Randy; nieces and nephews, and her loving dogs Megan and Gracie.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Charles McRitchie; and inlaws Mr. and Mrs. Kotarski.

Cremation rites have been accorded.



Edward Francis Smith

EDWARD F. SMITH

(August 7, 1940 – October 1, 2013)

Edward Francis Smith, age 73, a resident of Van Buren Township, MI, passed away on Monday, October 1, 2013. He was born on August 7, 1940 in Detroit, MI.

He is survived by two sons, Edward (Cara) Smith of Belleville, MI and Anthony (Jennifer) Smith of St. Petersburg, FL; three grandchildren, Gavon, Logan, and Aida; two brothers, James (Mary) Smith and Tony (Lori) Smith, and a sister Millie (Kenny) Metscher, all of Wisconsin.

Edward was preceded in death by his wife and parents.

He enjoyed picking up different projects to keep him busy.

Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home, 500 E. Huron River Drive, Belleville, MI. Please sign Edward's on-line guestbook and share a memory for his family to treasure.

VBT Household Hazardous Waste Collection set at EQ

By Arthur Mullen, Director
VBT Planning & Economic Development

Fall is the perfect time for cleaning up one's house, garage, workshop, medicine cabinet, or under the kitchen sink.

Van Buren Township is supporting residents by co-sponsoring its annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 19.

Household hazardous wastes are a serious concern. They can cause poisoning of small children and contaminating of resident's homes with spills. Incorrectly disposed of hazardous chemicals can lead to environmental contamination.

Residents should look in their kitchen and bathrooms, garages, workshops, garden sheds, and basements for any items they no longer use or have expired. Read the labels. Bring them in to the collection day to ensure their safe disposal.

How to identify a household hazardous waste? If the label states it is toxic, poisonous, ignitable, flammable, corrosive, or reactive (explosive if exposed to heat, flame, air, shock, or water), it requires special storage and disposal. Other terms to look for include: Warning, Caution, Danger, or Poison.

VBT is working in partnership with The Environmental Quality Co. to assist residents in safely disposing of their household hazardous wastes.

Residents are asked to bring the items in tightly sealed containers to prevent spillage while in transport. All containers brought to the collection site must be left there. No products in milk jugs will be accepted because containers puncture too easily.

Unacceptable items include: explosives and ammunition, industrial waste, tires, and asbestos.

This one day drop-off is free to Van Buren Township residents.

The drop-off site is located in the EQ East Parking Lot, 49350 N. I-94 Service Drive, between Beck and Rawsonville roads.

For more information about what items are acceptable, residents may contact VBT Community Services at (734) 699-8926 during township business hours – 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Marine Corps Birthday Ball set Nov. 8

This year's U.S. Marine Corps Birthday Ball will celebrate 238 years of USMC tradition and 36 years of Marine Corps League #414. The formal ball will be held Friday, Nov. 8, at the Kensington Court Hotel, 610 Hilton Blvd., Ann Arbor, from 5:30 to 11:30 p.m., with tickets \$40 per person. The ball includes live music by the Dale Hicks Band, USMC Regalia, a guest speaker, food and open bar, University of Michigan and Eastern Michigan University Color Guards, and Canton Young Marines.

There are special \$25 prices for Iraq and Afghanistan-era veterans, age 45 and younger, and their spouses, as well as family ticket prices and "gifted tickets" for active or recently discharged Marines. Those wishing to buy tickets for Marines, both young and old, unable to afford tickets to attend the ball, are welcomed. For more information, call or email Dave Grob, (734) 649-4066, dgrob@charter.net. Or, purchase tickets on line at www.mcl414.org.

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Court Watching**Holmes sentenced to probation for assaults on police officer, friends**

By Rosemary K. Oztman

Independent Editor

Christina Zanetta Holmes, 24, was sentenced to two years of probation on Sept. 18, after pleading guilty to assaulting friends at a party May 9, and also assaulting a Sumpter Township police officer.

Circuit Court Judge David A. Groner ruled Holmes had to pay total fees of \$1,198 by Sept. 25, in addition to the \$10 she paid in July.

Holmes failed to show up at 34th District Court on May 22 for a pre-trial exam on the three charges of assault in Sumpter Township.

One of the charges was for punching Police Sgt. Chris McGlynn in the face.

District Court Judge Brian Oakley issued a bench warrant for her arrest after she didn't appear as ordered. It was pointed out she also had a pending case in Washtenaw County.

Holmes had been charged with assaulting/resisting/obstructing a police officer plus two charges of assault/or assault and battery. When the warrants were issued May 10, she was also labeled an habitual offender.

Sumpter Det. John Toth said Holmes was picked up on that warrant and committed for mental evaluation. Then, she pled guilty to all three charges on June 26 before Judge Groner.

Det. Toth said at 12:49 a.m. on May 10 police were called to a social gathering in the 9000 block of Rawsonville Road when a female, later identified as Holmes, became unruly.

People at the party needed police help to have Holmes removed, Det. Toth said, noting a male subject was on top of her to restrain her when police arrived and he was ordered to let her go.

She was allowed up and Sgt. McGlynn and Officer Chaim Kozak approached her, Det. Toth said. She reportedly threatened to kill them and others and the officers blocked her path and tried to calm her.

Det. Toth said Holmes punched Sgt. McGlynn in the upper cheek and eye. She was arrested and taken to jail.

Det. Toth said alcohol was a factor in the incident and alcohol and drug testing is a part of her probation sentence.

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Library Board

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city that it had negotiated.

At Tuesday's meeting, Pastor Robert White stood to make a statement, noting he did not want to sound as a salesman. He is serious, he said.

He said the \$2.5 million he asked for when the library sent him a letter is not what the property is worth. He said he was not asked what it was worth but what price the church wanted to move.

He said the church diligently sought three developers to get prices on a church half the size of what they now have, plus one less house than they have now, and \$2.5 million is what they came up with.

"I did not appreciate hearing from a source that the library board laughed at our proposal," Pastor White said.

He said he talked to the library's attorney John Day over the years and they had considered various prices for the property. Then the option letter came and the church set a price.

Pastor White said if the property doesn't sell, the congregation will stay where it is.

He suggested the city close High Street and join the church property to Horizon Park for a library site on the lake. He said libraries have brought new businesses to several communities he named.

Near the meeting's end, Board Member Michael Boelter called Pastor White back into the meeting to apologize for any remarks over the past few months that hurt him or his church.

Pastor White accepted the apology. He said if he sold the library his property for \$890,000, which was the assessed value, he couldn't go anywhere. He said he quoted what he had to have to move.

"I don't want to be laughed at. This is the lowest I can go," Pastor White said, adding he wants the city and the library to flourish.

Six days earlier, the library board held a public forum at Belleville High School before a packed crowd in the mini-auditorium. At that forum when he was asked how much it would cost to build a library, architect Whisler guessed "10 to 20 million dollars."

At that meeting on Oct. 2, Cichewicz, chairman of the building committee, gave an hour-long power-point presentation on the sites the board had studied. She offered extensive information on four possible places for the main library: three in downtown Belleville and the DNR site just over the bridge in VBT.

Then, the audience asked questions and got answers for another hour and a half, being shut down at 9:40 p.m. by Board Chairman Mary Jane Dawson who said their time was up in the building.

Although the four sites were announced verbally at the end of the board's Sept. 10 meeting, the documents concerning acquisition and development costs weren't made available to study until Sept. 27. That meant the public had just the three days the library was open to go to the library and

review the newly set-out paperwork before the public forum.

Then, it was just six days for the information to be digested by the public, without time for any of the local weekly publications to report. And there was little time for the public to offer input to the board before board members voted on the site.

At the public forum and again at Tuesday's meeting, Belleville attorney Barbara Miller asked the board to put off the vote on the site selection for a month, to its November meeting, so the information could be disseminated and discussed by the public.

But the board said its architect said the decision needed to be made immediately.

Dawson said the information would be on the library's web site the next morning and the video recording of the meeting would be on township cable stations the next day. Videographer Sam Cumberland was asked to get his coverage edited and on cable as soon as possible, but as of Tuesday the recording was still in Cumberland's possession.

At the end of the forum, a four-color, three-page summary of the sites with maps and prices was distributed to those leaving the meeting.

On Thursday, Miller put written notes on the summary and copied them off to distribute them to the public in a personal effort to inform the public of the important Tuesday meeting.

In her Oct. 2 presentation, Cichewicz said if the library was put on the DNR property over the bridge, it would be "just 3/10 of a mile from Belleville, a seven-minute walk or a 35-second drive."

The costs distributed on Oct. 2 were too low by \$104,500 for the DNR site, boosting the total cost to \$2,347,260. Library attorney John Day said the DNR asked for the actual price it originally paid for the property, which he found out earlier that day was \$395,000, plus a 10% transaction fee.

The information on the library website was updated with the new figures.

The four sites discussed Oct. 2 were:

• **Site A:** Charles Street, including the library, the city parking lot, the accounting office at 360 Charles, Main Street Computers (the old post office), and Robert Hampton's home at the corner of Charles

and Third. Captain Nemo's was to be a part of this site, but the owner does not wish to sell it.

Acquisition: \$1,446,250

Development: \$1,236,689

Total: \$2,682,939

• **Site B:** Main Street, including the library, city parking lot, historic Dr. Robb buildings holding Keith Bruder's office, Dr.

Boelter's dental office, and Ibrahim Jawad's buildings at 397 Main that now house the cleaners and hydroponics businesses.

Acquisition: \$1,423,000

Development: \$774,147

Total: \$2,197,147

• **Site C:** Baptist Church, including the library and city parking lot. The church and all its properties there have been priced at \$2.5 million, so the church has enough to buy property to build a new building and move. It is on the lake, across High Street from Horizon Park.

Acquisition: \$3,000,000

Development: \$781,211

Total: \$3,781,211

• **Site D:** The vacant DNR property and the house next door and 1.86 acres at 11933 Belleville Road, owned by Jerry Lee and Charlotte Spencer, which would be leveled.

Acquisition: \$1,029,500

Development: \$1,317,760 *

Total: \$2,347,260

*The library board said it believes \$235,000 of fishing access may be all or partially provided for with grant funding. The DNR gave the library a list of possible grants, but some of the grants are for Saginaw and other areas.

In a letter from the DNR on Sept. 9, it was announced the land exchange review committee has approved the request for state-owned land located in VBT and Wayne County, with the following conditions:

1. Library will develop fishing access and associated trail improvements as part of the overall improvement;

2. Library will maintain fishing access improvements in concert with the library facilities;

3. The fishing access must result in one third of the water frontage being "fishable" by the general public;

4. DNR will assist with plans, plan review, and approval;

5. Library encouraged to seek grants from a long list presented;

6. Library gives easement to the DNR covering the shoreline fishing.

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The **Belleville Harvest Fest** is this Saturday, Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., located alongside the museum and library. There will be games, crafts, a petting zoo, pony rides, live music, food, sidewalk chalking with me, and other family activities. A parade celebrating 100 years of boys and girl scouts will take place down Main Street; beginning at 11 a.m. at the high school. St. Anthony scouts are offering a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. and spaghetti dinners from 5 to 8 p.m. The scarecrows from the city's contest are already on display along Main. My favorite: A minion character from the children's animated Despicable Me. Cool.

The *Independent* welcomes the advertisement of **Denny's Restaurant** on the S. I-94 Service Drive in front of Kmart. The newly remodeled restaurant is celebrating with an all-day Grand Slam Opening on Thursday, Oct. 17, starting at 9 a.m. as the first 75 guests will receive a free Original Grand Slam breakfast. The first 25 guests at noon will receive a free Classic Burger & Fries, and at 6 p.m., the first 25 guests will receive a free entree with the purchase of an entree of equal or lesser value. There will be lots of other prizes given away throughout the day, too. Purchase one of their limited-edition Denny's diner coffee mugs and receive free coffee for a month. Call (734) 482-3880.

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Thoughts and prayers to **Janet Manley** (A Design Line Embroidery) whose husband Douglas passed away over the weekend. Our condolences to the family.

Atchinson Ford's Drive for Your School event is also this Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Belleville High School. Simply take a test drive of a new Ford vehicle and Ford Motor Company will donate \$20 to the school, up to \$6,000. Call (734) 697-9161.

The *Independent* also welcomes **Glenn Silvenis & Remax Crossroads III** on Main Street in Belleville to our advertising pages. Glenn is an authorized short-sale agent and provides free foreclosure listings and investment property opportunities. See his ad in today's paper and visit www.MrSold.com. Call (734) 699 4000.

The **Lunch Box's Pumpkin Patch Bash Classic Car Show**, which plans to be an annual event, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 5 until 8 p.m. in the Lunch Box parking lot. There will trophies for Best in Show, Best Costume, Best Carved Pumpkin, cash prizes, free cider and donuts and DJ entertainment by Steve Jones. Call (734) 381-8281.

Things to do in the Belleville area...

• **Thursday, Oct. 10** – Casserole Luncheon today at noon at St. John's Lutheran Church, 28320 Waltz Rd., Waltz. \$8 donation supports missions. Sponsored by Ladies' Aid. 734-654-6366

• **Thursday, Oct. 10** – Annabel Griffiths will speak at 7 p.m. at the library on "On Being a Housewife in China." This is part of the Homegrown Knowledge Series and is free of charge.

• **Friday, Oct. 11** – Free family movie at the Friends Church Youth Center, 7890 Tuttle Hill Road, at Bemis Road, in Ypsilanti at 7 p.m. Information: (734) 482-5074.

• **Saturday, Oct. 12** – Mom-2-Mom Sale of gently used clothes, toys, costumes, etc. at Willow United Methodist Church, 36925 Willow Rd., New Boston. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

• **Sunday, Oct. 13** – Free Country and Bluegrass music from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Van Buren Senior Center. Information: Hugh, 485-7241, or Lynette, 699-8918.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 15** – Senior/Retiree/Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no children.

• **Thursday, Oct. 17** – Senior/Retiree/Adult swim time at the BHS Pool, 9-10 a.m., fee is \$5 per swimmer. Not a structured program. For adults only, no children.

Ask Angela

By Angela Nettro



I am here to answer questions pertaining to buying or selling real estate. Send your questions to "Ask Angela", c/o *Belleville Area Independent*, 152 Main Street, Suite 9, Belleville 48111 or send me an email at nettroandco@comcast.net. I'll answer questions in this column.

Question from Irene in Romulus: I recently made an offer on a home. Upon writing the offer my agent briefly mentioned that I would be doing a Split Title Closing. I don't know what that means and he did not explain it. Could you please explain what Split Title Closing means and if it is a benefit to me?

Answer: Irene, the term Split Title means that two different title insurance companies will provide a title policy for your purchase. One title company will insure just the seller (Owner's Policy side) and another title company will insure the buyer's side (Mortgage Policy).

The use of two title companies is not necessary and usually complicates and confuses the process of providing closing paperwork more efficiently. In recent years, most larger real estate firms (some franchises) and lenders (Quicken Loans) are partners or associated directly with a title company they exclusively use.

Thus, if the real estate sale is two separate real estate offices, the buyer's real estate company or lender requests their affiliated title company to provide the title insurance.

For many years, real estate sales were handled by one title company insuring both the Seller/Owner Policy and the Buyer/Mortgage Policy. Having a split title closing does not offer you any additional benefits, but does involve splitting the closing documents, having two title sides to close docs and two closers responsible for either recording and/or disbursing, and parties to the transaction not always receiving a complete closing package.

Most often a one title company closing for buyer and seller is less complicated and if issues arise after closing there will be only one title company to contact to resolve the problems.

— Angela

Angela Nettro/Broker

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Senator Patrick Colbeck to hold Senior Brigade event on identify theft

State Senator Patrick Colbeck and Susan Peters, representative from the Michigan Attorney General's office, will host a free seminar for area seniors to discuss identity theft. The seminar will be held at 6 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, at the Plymouth Library, 223 South Main St., Plymouth.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Thursday, Oct. 10 – Keystone Academy school board meeting, 6 p.m. Also, Belleville Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 14 -- Van Buren Township work-study meeting, 4 p.m. Also, Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

- Tuesday, Oct. 15 -- Van Buren Township board meeting, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 16 – Van Buren Township is holding a day-long budget session at the township hall, beginning at 8 a.m. Also, South Huron Valley Utility Authority, 10 a.m., Brownstown Township Hall. Also, VBT Staff Review, 1-4 p.m. Also, Belleville Downtown Development Authority, 6 p.m. Also, VBT Environmental Commission, 7 p.m.

- Thursday, Oct. 17 – Van Buren Township is holding a day-long budget session at the township hall, beginning at 8 a.m.

- Monday, Oct. 21 -- Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education work-study session, 7 p.m., Administration Bldg. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m.

- Tuesday, Oct. 22 – Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority, 5:30 p.m. Also, Sumpter Township workshop at 6 p.m., followed by regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Also, VBT Water & Sewer Commission, 7 p.m.

- Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.

- Monday, Oct. 28 – Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education, 7 p.m., BHS Commons

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Birthdays

Oct. 1 - Debbie Sweet
Oct. 14 - Jessica Neiman Thompson
Oct. 25 - Nate Simpkins

Do you have a birthday in October? Does anyone you know have a birthday soon? Call the *Independent* at 699-9020 and let us know. We'll list it in this column ASAP following your call. There is no charge.

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Charter Township of Van Buren
Notice of Public Hearing
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The Charter Township of Van Buren Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing in conjunction with the Regular Board meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Van Buren Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111 to consider the Dissolution of Industrial Development Districts #4, #6, #11, #12, #13, #14, #15, #17, and #22. Following are the corresponding legal descriptions for the districts:

IDD DISTRICT #4

03E PART OF W 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SEC 3 BEG N89DEG 54M 30S E 1342.52FT AND S0DEG 46M 20S E 278.91FT FROM N 1/4 COR OF SEC 3 TH S78DEG 38M 0S W 818.89FT TH S9DEG 05M 30S E 100.18FT AND S1DEG 47M 45S W 709.16FT TH N78DEG 30M 22S E 836.82FT TH N0DEG 46M 20S W 802.31FT POB 14.85 AC

IDD DISTRICT #6

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IDD DISTRICT #14

0341 PART OF NE 1/4 SEC 3 T3S R8E BEG N89DEG 46M 40S E 1373.55FT AND N0DEG 53M 15S W 536.98FT FROM CEN 1/4 COR OF SEC 3 TH S89DEG 06M 45S W 463.94FT TH N0DEG 53M 15S W 1083.27FT TH N78DEG 30M 22S E 472FT TH S0DEG 53M 15S E 1170.17FT POB 12.00 AC

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IDD DISTRICT # 15

*01U1A3,--V2B1B2*PT OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC 1 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 01D 31M 58S E 667.45 FT AND S 89D 39M 33S E 60.02 FT FROM W 1/4 COR OF SEC 1--TH N 01D 31M 58S W 314.72 FT-TH S 89D 39M 41S E 230.38 FT- TH N 01D 31M 58S W 234.46 FT-TH S 89D 39M 41S E 0.15 FT-TH N 01D 31M 58S W 118.27 FT-TH N 89D-39-41S W 0.15 FT-TH N 01D 30M 47S W 424.75 FT-TH N 89D 39M 41S W 230.38 FT-TH N 01D 30M 47S W 540.43 FT-TH 87D 46M 03S E 1292.36 FT-TH S 01D 55M 43S E 1023.45 FT-TH S 89D 39M 41S E 6.26 FT-TH S 01D 54M 06S E 315.55 FT-TH S 01D 05M 54S W 351.87 FT-TH N 89D 39M 33S W 1292.49 FT-45.44 AC-K-45.44

PT OF SW 1/4 SEC 01 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG DUE N 1520.25 FT AND S 88D 12M 30S E 60.03 FT FROM SW COR OF SEC 01 TH DUE N 483.75 FT TH S 88D 12M 30S E 653.60 FT TH DUE S 333.75 FT TH N 88D 12M 30S W 353.63 FT TH DUE S 150 FT TH N 88D 12M 30S W 299.97 FT TO POB 6.04AC

IDD DISTRICT #17

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IDD DISTRICT #22

01K1A1--S1,A3A PT OF NW 1/4 SEC 1 T3S R8E DESC AS BEG S 01D 28M 50S E 792.15 FT AND N 87D 51M 17S E 60.00 FT FROM NW COR SEC 1 TH N 87D 51M 17S E 360.46 FT TH N 01D 29M 29S W 731.29 FT TH N 87D 58M 14S E 805.23 FT TH S 58D 18M 00S E 144.07 FT TH S 01D 54M 06S E 1171.70 FT TH S 88D 06M 38S W 1018.23 FT TH N 01D 29M 29S W 388.35 FT TH S 87D 51M 17S W 276.42 FT TH N 01D 28M 50S W 129.45 FT TO POB 28.40 AC

Written comments may be forwarded to the Township Clerk, 464245 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111.

Leon Wright, Clerk
Charter Township of Van Buren

Publish: 10-3-13 &10-10-13

Correction: Not Lance

Lance Braziel was quoted in a story published on page three of the Oct. 3 *Independent* talking about an easement on the proposed Tucker Insurance property. However, he reports he was not the person who said what we said he said. The person who made the comment said his name

and we had trouble understanding it. We thought it was Braziel. It wasn't. We regret the misquote and apologize.

Rosemary K. Oztman, editor

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Harvest Fest Parade kicks off at 11 a.m. on Sat.

The Harvest Fest Parade kicks off at 11 a.m. on Saturday and runs from Belleville High School to Five Points and up Main Street to the festival.

The parade is sponsored by the Belleville Central Business Community and will honor the 100th anniversaries of the Boy and Girl Scout organizations.

The Harvest Fest is on Fourth Street, that is closed on Saturday between Main and Charles streets – the area between the museum and the library.

At the library will be the petting farm and pony rides, Indian corn jewelry, soap carving and leaf rubbing, corn husk dolls, butter churning, leaf dipping and ink stamping.

At the museum, folks will learn rug beating, corn shelling, have a scavenger hunt, do laundry with a scrub board, make folded paper crafts, and take part in a Nickel Dig (between 2 and 3 p.m.). The museum also has the Scouting exhibit that has been in place all summer.

Joyous Noise will provide traditional music at the library and the museum, sponsored by the Belleville Downtown Development Authority.

There will be booths with food, baked items, caramel apples and other treats, along with sidewalk chalk drawing with Bob Mytych. The bake sale put on by the First United Methodist church will benefit the Community Food Closet.

Meanwhile, over at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, the Boy Scouts from Troop 793

will earn money for their activities with a pancake breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m. and a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 8 p.m.

Also, the Scarecrows will be in place on Main Street, the entries in a contest sponsored by the city's Parks and Recreation commission.

Drive 4 UR School

While all this is going on, the staff of Atchinson Ford will be at the back part of the Belleville High School parking lot from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. to offer free test drives, with each drive earning a \$20 donation to BHS from Ford Motor Co.

The project will earn up to \$6,000 for the school. Atchinson Ford's goal is 300 drivers.

Huron Valley Conservation Assoc. sets dinner on Oct. 22

A catered dinner with homemade desserts will be presented by the Huron Valley Conservation Association from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Van Buren Eagles #3996, 9961 Beck Road, Van Buren Township. The meal includes: city chicken, roast beef, sauerkraut and sausage, rolls, potatoes, vegetable, salad and dessert. Cost is \$12 for an adult, \$7 for a child five to 12 years old, with children under five eating free. Carry-outs are available.

Proceeds will be used to support HVCA activities. For more information contact Kris Matthew at (734) 662-7852 or WKrisMatt@aol.com.

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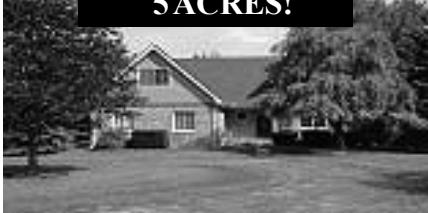
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Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

The following are selected calls for VBT Police.

Sunday, Sept. 29:

0220 – hospice, 1073 Sumpter
0722 – lake complaint, 49021 Denton
1010 – larceny from auto, 49241 S. I-94 Service
1109 – larceny from auto, 49241 S. I-94 Service
1148 – malicious destruction of property, 49241 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1148 – larceny from auto, 49241 S. I-94 Service
1225 – property damage accident, 6973 Belleville
1348 – larceny from auto, 2033 Rawsonville
1721 – harassment call, 10958 Oak Lane
1802 – property damage accident, Rawsonville Rd. / Capitol Dr.
1904 – fight, 10950 Belleville Rd.
2013 – property damage accident, 14393 Haggerty
2322 – shots fired, 5976 Victoria St.

Monday, Sept. 30:

0633 – larceny, Ecorse Mobil
0936 – suicide or attempt, 6700 Rogers Ave.
1028 – fraud, 43020 Fret Rd.
1113 – fraud, 27 Rose
1250 – property damage accident, Ricardo Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1410 – malicious destruction of property, 46425 Tyler Rd.
1446 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1454 – animal complaint, 44103 Tyler Rd.
1651 – private property accident, 2095 Rawsonville
1701 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / N. I-94 Service Dr.
1904 – agency assist, 140 Church St.
2005 – mental, 5964 Vernon St.
2318 – trespassing, 11825 Meadows Circle
2337 – larceny, 11721 Meadows Circle

Tuesday, Oct. 1:

0423 – assault & battery, 14181 Marina Dr.
0713 – fight, 9207 Parkwood Dr.
1022 – larceny, 45900 Marriott Ave.
1152 – traffic hazard, Haggerty/Haggerty School
1742 – juvenile complaint, Quirk/N. Service Dr.
1749 – property damage accident, 11530 Belleville
1805 – property damage accident, Hannan/Wabash
1915 – harassment call, 13844 Country Walk Blvd.
2114 – suspicious vehicle, Hot Spot
2207 – malicious destruction of property, 5825 Vernon St.
2208 – noise complaint, McBride Ave./Van Buren
2331 – larceny, 7133 Belleville Rd.

Wednesday, Oct. 2:

1356 – fraud, 10950 Belleville Rd.
1400 – fraud, 9570 Belleville Rd.
1426 – private property accident, Meijer
1516 – breaking & entering, 8525 Belleville Rd.
1715 – private property accident, VB Park
1800 – operating while intoxicated, Belleville/S. I-94 Service Dr.
1924 – fraud, Meijer
2227 – property damage accident, Belleville/Van Born
2258 – assault & battery, 6973 Vernon St.

Thursday, Oct. 3:

0137 – retail fraud, 10562 Belleville
0143 – noise complaint, 9808 Fairbanks St.
0609 – property damage accident, Rawsonville / Grove
1031 – disturbance, McBride Middle School
1207 – fraud, Meijer
1414 – fraud, Meijer
1427 – property damage accident, 2141 Rawsonville Rd.
1456 – noise complaint, Van Buren/McBride Ave.
1523 – malicious destruction of property, 8984 Springwood Blvd.
1552 – fight, 147 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1602 – water leak found, 6397 Thornwood Dr.
1654 – harassment call, 48671 S. I-94 Service Dr.
1820 – assault & battery, 219 S. Ponderosa Trl.
1850 – suspicious situation, 16707 Elwell Rd.
1905 – harassment call, 750 W. Huron River Dr.
2004 – juvenile complaint, 51162 State St.
2059 – assault & battery, 4 Brandi

Friday, Oct. 4:

0233 – assault & battery, 6607 Parkside Dr.
0725 – assault & battery, 5964 Vernon St.

1241 – trespassing, 7113 Belleville Rd.
1546 – fraud, 10760 Belleville Rd.
1602 – malicious destruction of property, 33 Rose
1735 – domestic violence, 9985 Jackson Ln.
1838 – fraud, 9636 Dalton Dr.
1913 – noise complaint, 47096 McBride
2007 – assault & battery, Haggerty Elementary
2134 – assault & battery, 11036 Jackson St.

Saturday, Oct. 5:

0140 – loud party complaint, 500 Sumpter Rd.
0323 – disturbance, 48850 Denton Rd.
0349 – noise complaint, S. I-94 Service/Beckley
1025 – holdup alarm, 10816 Belleville Rd.
1216 – larceny, 2095 Rawsonville, Kmart
1441 – property damage accident, Kmart
1503 – property damage accident, Haggerty/Tyler
1833 – private property accident, 44050 Crowley
1908 – fraud, Meijer
2024 – disturbance, 49009 Ashbury
2249 – assault & battery, 5890 Haggerty Rd.
2317 – assault & battery, 12692 Hannan Rd.
Also on this week's log are 225 traffic stops, 99 of which were on the I-94 or I-275 freeways.

1626 – bank drop, 6 Main St.
1725 – suspicious person, Victoria Commons
1950 – animal complaint, 500 N. Liberty St.
2134 – assist fire dept., 500 N. Liberty St.
2152 – property check
2339 – family trouble, 59 Loza Ln.

Saturday, Oct. 5:

0015 – noise complaint, 120 Menlo Park Dr.
0759 – intrusion alarm, BHS
1100 – assist fire dept., BHS
1245 – civil matter, 220 Henry St.
1447 – assist fire dept., BHS
1532 – E-911 cellular, 1 Loza Ln.
1651 – welfare check, Victory Park
2119 – ATV/ORV complaint, 111 Bedell St.
Also on this week's log are 46 traffic stops.

Friday, Oct. 4:

0009 – alarm, 8300 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
0110 – suspicious incident, 39000 bl. Willow Rd.
0501 – fire dept. assist, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
0852 – alarm, 19000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1659 – suspicious vehicle, 50000 bl. Wear Rd.
2159 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Arkona Rd.
2252 – operating while intoxicated arrest, 2nd St.
Saturday, Oct. 5:
0033 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
0151 – fight, 19000 bl. Waltz Rd.
0251 – ORV complaint, Willow/Sumpter
0314 – follow-up investigation, 23000 bl. Sumpter
0515 – larceny, 18000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0756 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Wear Rd.
0832 – follow-up investigation, 18000 bl. Elwell
1229 – animal complaint, Rustic Ln.
1249 – juvenile complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1326 – suspicious person, Willis/Rawsonville
1730 – citizen assist, 46000 bl. Willow Rd.
2020 – runaway juvenile, 41000 bl. Willow Rd.
2155 – suspicious incident, Virginia
2159 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Sherwood
2220 – fire dept. assist, Wyoming

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 29:

0221 – hospice, 1073 Sumpter
0312 – noise complaint, 70 Potter Dr.
0350 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
0547 – assist fire dept., 220 Church St.
0850 – assist fire dept., 48 S. Edgemont St.
1250 – assist fire dept., 275 W. Columbia Ave., Columbia Court
1310 – suspicious vehicle, Waterbury Ct.
1746 – hospice, 238 N. Liberty St.
1909 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court
1910 – agency assist, 10950 Belleville Rd.
2239 – assist fire dept., 584 Main St.
2345 – agency assist, 39721 Tyler Rd.

Monday, Sept. 30:

0013 – agency assist, 51300 W. Huron River Dr.
0124 – vehicle repossession, 308 Edison Ave.
0840 – traffic complaint, Sumpter Rd./Spencer St.
1046 – abandoned auto, Breakwater Dr./Harbour Pointe Dr.

1537 – property damage accident, Main/First
1748 – juvenile complaint, Denton/Belleville
1852 – domestic assault, 140 Church St.
1857 – welfare check, 224 Church St.
1921 – warrant arrest, 6 Main St.
2000 – suspicious person, 573 E. Huron River Dr.
2029 – assist fire dept., 217 Belle Villa Blvd.
2319 – misc. complaint, Main St./Fifth St.
2332 – assist fire dept., 207 Belle Villa Blvd.

Tuesday, Oct. 1:

0515 – welfare check, 94 Carmell St.
0801 – assist fire dept., 68 Menlo Park Dr.
1316 – suspicious situation, South Middle Schl.
1438 – property damage accident, Main/South
1517 – parking complaint, 231 S. Aberdeen Ct.
1616 – follow up, St. Joseph Hospital
1622 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court
1645 – suspicious vehicle, 439 E. Huron River Dr.
1812 – welfare check, 224 Church St.
2011 – assist fire dept., 575 Sumpter, Co-op apts.
2159 – malicious destruction of property, 54 S. Biggs
2206 – intimidation threat, 160 Church St.

Wednesday, Oct. 2:

1212 – civil matter, 79 Carmell St.
1453 – suspicious situation, Savage/Robbe
1601 – information, 6 Main St.
1657 – follow up, 219 N. Aberdeen Ct.
2137 – suicide or attempt, 250 N. Liberty St.

Thursday, Oct. 3:

0703 – agency assist, Columbia Court
0826 – explosion, Belle Villa/Sumpter
1023 – domestic assault, 220 Henry St.
1222 – civil matter, J&T Towing
1529 – larceny, 501 W. Columbia, BHS
1613 – assist citizen, 6 Main St.
1756 – traffic complaint, 94 Carmell St.
1831 – animal bite, 35 Carmell St.
1841 – assist fire dept., Columbia Court

Friday, Oct. 4:

0011 – vehicle lockout, 75 S. Liberty St.
0157 – property check
0945 – misc. complaint, J&T

Two dogs kill six goats; woman ordered to pay restitution, move dogs

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Shelby Statham, 21, of the 22000 block of Sherwood Road in Sumpter Township, pleaded guilty Sept. 10 in 34th District Court to one count of harboring a vicious animal and paid \$2,568 in restitution after her two dogs killed six goats owned by her neighbor.

Sumpter Police Detective John Toth said the dogs attacked the goats June 10 and July 28.

The owners of the goats were able to track the dogs back to where they came from the second time and found the dogs bloody from the attack. Statham wasn't home.

Det. Toth said the two dogs are a pit bull mix and a red bone hound dog mix. Some of the six goats killed were babies, Toth said.

In trying to fix the situation, a decision was made by police to seize the dogs, Toth said. Police got a search warrant and took the animals on July 31. The animals were in possession of Sumpter Police from then until the court date. Statham also had to pay \$900 worth of Sumpter impound fees.

As part of the plea deal, Statham also was ordered to move the dogs to another location, Toth said.

Originally Statham was charged with two counts of unlicensed dogs, two counts of dogs at large, and two counts of harbouring vicious animals.

Toth said the six goats killed belonged to the neighbor's grandchildren and were worth up to \$600 apiece.

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Hillside Cemetery Advisory Committee

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERSFlag Placement for Veterans Day 2013
8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26th.The Cemetery Advisory Committee
will be placing American Flags
on the graves of all veterans who
are buried at Hillside Cemetery.The cemetery gates will open at 8:30 a.m.
to begin the flag placement project on
Saturday, October 26th.Volunteers are needed to help place the flags.
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Belle Harbor sub. homeowners vote to approve new fenceBy Diane Madigan
Independent Special Writer

Nineteen homeowners from about 80 homes in Belle Harbor Subdivision met Oct. 3 to discuss a project that would replace an old fence along their subdivision and then voted 15-4 to support the new fence.

The fence project is being done by the Van Buren Township Downtown Development Authority and DDA Executive Director Susan Ireland and DDA Vice Chairman Craig Atchinson attended the meeting to answer questions.

Karen Mida, a 25-year resident of Belle Harbor and the only current homeowners' association officer, had called the meeting to elect officers, collect association dues, and to ask the residents to decide whether or not to go along with the DDA plans to replace the existing cyclone fence on the east side of Belleville Road between Sunrise and Harmony Lane.

Ireland, who has been working with the residents, township engineers, township planning consultants and Wayne County for over a year, gave a history of the fence and the DDA's efforts thus far.

After several complaints from members of the community about the blighted condition of the fence, Ireland approached the DDA board, where it was decided to research actions needed to replace the fence.

Some long-time residents insisted the fence, which still had barbed wire on the

tops of some stretches, was installed by Henry Ford when he owned that property.

Ireland said a land survey was done along the cyclone fence that revealed in some places the fence is two inches from the Wayne County right-of-way and in other places the fence is four feet into the right-of-way. She said most of the greenery is poison ivy.

Wayne County decided the DDA would be allowed to remove the fence and replace it in the same exact location. Ireland said she sent letters to the 11 residents whose properties abut the fence and heard back from two. One resident wanted the fence replaced and one did not.

Another resident had concerns about her privacy fence that abuts the chain-link fence.

“I will not touch the privacy fence that is on your property line,” Ireland promised.

Mida said there's no issue because the cyclone fence is not on private property but on county property.

Ireland added, “Theoretically, if the county wanted to, they could come and rip the fence out.

“If everybody really doesn't want to have it done, I'll take my fence fund and start on another project. I put in a lot of man hours and twisted a lot of arms at the county,” Ireland said.

Ireland said this is a \$150,000 project and answered residents' questions as to where

the funding was coming from.

She said the DDA would be responsible for maintenance and repair, as they currently are doing with the street lights. The DDA will also continue to mow along Belleville Road, trim along the bottom of the fence, and deal with any graffiti.

Ireland circulated a sample of the fence and described the completed replacement fence as being six feet tall and running 1,100 feet.

Comments from Belle Harbor residents included: it will look like a gated community and it will look like a fort with a fence. Some residents said they appreciate the trees along the fence because they shadow the street lights.

Ireland said the only trees that are going to be removed are the ones growing in the fence. The trees that are planted along Belleville Road will stay.

Ireland described the location of the DDA district, how the district is funded, and the many projects it has completed and currently is working on.

“I do not live on that side of the sub,” one resident said. “I do not have to look at it from the back of my home. I personally think it's a very good idea. I personally think it enhances Belle Harbor Sub. Since we are the first subdivision into downtown, it does Belleville proud when our sub looks very nice from the street. I don't have to look at it but I am grateful that you all are offering it to us.”

Barbara Miller asked if there is an option to just fix that part of the fence that is “bent and unsightly.”

Kimberly Kennedy, whose property abuts the fence, said she's never seen where the main entrance to a community is nothing but a big plastic PVC fence.

“It's usually beautiful trees and greenery,” Kennedy said. “When you walk it or ride your bicycle down it, you don't want to look at a solid piece of plastic for 1,100 feet. To me it's not as pretty as greenery leading up to the nice bridge and the beauty of the lake.”

DDA Vice Chairman Atchinson replied, that the DDA looked at other options for a fence and asked her if she'd rather see a “chain-link fence that is cheaper or a wood fence that is going to fall apart?”

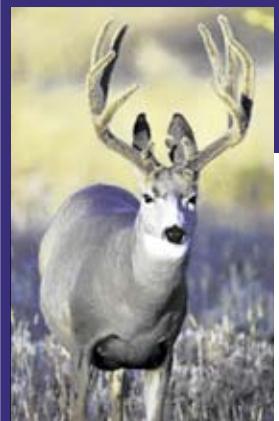
“We thought this was the best option as far as durability and maintenance,” Atchinson said.

Mida then asked for a vote on how the members felt about the DDA replacing the fence. Fifteen raised their hands in favor and four were against.

Kennedy said she was the only one voting at the meeting who lived along the fence.

Ireland said barring complications with Wayne County, the project should be completed by the end of this year.

Following approval of the fence replacement, Belle Harbor residents elected Steve Roberts as president and Karen LaPointe as vice president. Karen Mida was re-elected as treasurer.

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